

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2016**



The meeting of February 8, 2016 was held at 10:00 a.m. at the El Segundo Museum of Art, 208 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245.

Present: Pamela Bright-Moon  
Betty Haagen  
Constance Jolcuvar  
Bettina Korek  
Peter Lesnik  
Kathryn McDonnell  
Alis Clausen Odenthal  
Claire Peeps  
Norma Provencio Pichardo  
David Valdez  
Rosalind Wyman

Absent: Eric Hanks (excused)  
Helen Hernandez (excused)  
Claudia Margolis (excused)  
Hope Warschaw (excused)

Staff Present: Laura Zucker, Executive Director  
Miriam Gonzalez, Executive Assistant  
Anji Gaspar-Milanovic, Director of Grants and Professional Development  
Rosalyn Escobar, Grants Manager  
Dorothy Mackendrick, Grants and Professional Development Associate  
Talia Gibas, Professional Development Programs Managers

Also Present: Bernard Zuenkeler, Executive Director, ESMoA  
Eva Sweeney, Board Member, ESMoA  
Brian Sweeney, Board Member, ESMoA  
Holly Crawford, Education Specialist, ESMoA  
Chelsea Hogan, Education Specialist, ESMoA  
Phil Curtis, Collections Manager, ESMoA  
Felipe Sanchez, Program Associate, Center Theatre Group  
Eric Innman, Managing Director, Watts Village Theatre  
Victoria Lanier, Executive Director, Education Through Music  
Carmelita Sanchez, Executive Director, The Boyle Heights Conservancy

President Peeps called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Absentee Excuses

*Roll was taken and on a motion by Commissioner Lesnik, seconded by Commissioner Haagen, the excused absences for the meeting of February 8, 2016 were unanimously approved.*

Approval of Minutes

*On a motion made by Commissioner Jolcuvar, seconded by Commissioner Bright-Moon, the minutes for the meeting of January 11, 2016 were unanimously approved.*

Correspondence

Commissioner Bright-Moon circulated a program book from the Geffen Playhouse thanking the Los Angeles Arts Commission for support of its programs for children and adults.

OGP Presentations

Bernard Zuenkeler, Executive Director and Curator, and Eva Sweeny, Board Member and Founder, welcomed the Commissioners to the El Segundo Museum of Art, gave an overview of the organization and shared images of past exhibitions. Holly Crawford, Education Specialist, gave an overview of the artist in residence program and the arts education activities.

Community Impact Arts Grants (CIAG) Panel Presentations

Anji Gaspar-Milanovic, Director of Grants and Professional Development, and Dorothy MacKendrick, Grants and Professional Development Associate, introduced the following panelist to make presentations:

Panel 1 - Disability Community, Homeless Community, Mental Health,  
Gardens/Environmental Organizations  
Felipe Sanchez  
Program Associate, Emerging Arts Professionals  
Center Theatre Group

Panel 2 - Community, Immigration and Social Justice  
Eric Innman  
Managing Director  
Watts Village Theatre

Panel 3 - Youth/Music, Visual Art and Art Therapy  
Victoria Lanier  
Executive Director  
Education Through Music

Panel 4 - Youth/Multidisciplinary and Media Arts  
Carmelita Sanchez  
Executive Director  
The Boyle Heights Arts Conservancy

Each panelist reported on the findings of their respective panel and addressed questions by Commissioners.

*Commissioners MacDonnell and Commissioner Valdez abstained from the discussion on the applications for Panel 1 and Panel 4 for which they have a conflict of interest.*

Presidents Items

President Peeps appointed the following commissioners to serve on the 2016 Nominating Committee:

David Valdez, First District  
Eric Hanks, Second District  
Rosalind Wyman, Third District  
Kathy MacDonnell, Fourth District

Alis Clausen Odenthal, Chair, Fifth District

President Peeps gave an update on the Cultural Equity and Inclusion Initiative and distributed the final list of Advisory Committee members. Fundraising efforts are underway.

Executive Director

Laura Zucker, Executive Director, reported the Arts Commission's FY 2016-17 budget hearing with the Chief Executive Officer is scheduled for February 10, 2016.

Ms. Zucker reported the artists for the *Ford Theatre Signature Series* has been confirmed and she discussed a list of the artists scheduled to perform. The first *Signature Series* event is scheduled on July 9, 2016.

Ms. Zucker updated the Commissioners on a request to the LA County Board of Supervisors to move the Ford's earned income to the Ford Theatre.

2016 Arts Internship Awards

Talia Gibas, Professional Development Program Manager, gave an overview of the 2016 Arts Internship Program panel review process and reported the panel met on December 14, 2015 to review 126 applicants and considered 6 additional internal internships (three at the Ford and three at the Arts Commission). Commissioner Hanks participated on the panel review process.

*Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wyman, seconded by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, to accept the arts internship award recommendations as presented ([attached](#)), conduct the required site visits, and allow staff to make appropriate deletions or substitutions to the approved list so that a total of 132 internships are granted this year. The motion carried. Commissioners Wyman, Clausen Odenthal, Bright-Moon, Haagen, Jolcuvar, Korek, MacDonnell, Peeps, Pichardo, and Valdez. Absent: Commissioner Lesnik.*

Commissioner Items

None.

Public Comment

None.

*The Arts Commission meeting of February 8, 2016 was adjourned at 12:02 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Wyman, seconded by Commissioner Valdez, and unanimously approved.*